

Attorney Docket No. P-514

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul D. Taylor

Serial No. 09/756,070

Filing date: 01/06/2001

For: **DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID
HETERODUPLEX MOLECULES BY
ANION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY**

Art Unit No.: 1634

Examiner: GUNTER, David R.

Confirmation No.: 6470

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of the time for filing a Response to the outstanding Office Action mailed 08/26/2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The requested extension period is from September 26, 2002 until December 26, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the three-month extension fee is enclosed. If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-0821. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

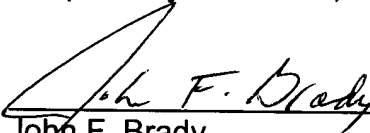
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Respectfully Submitted,


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